

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
at CHATTANOOGA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
 ) Case No. 1:09-cr-123-004  
v. )  
 ) COLLIER / LEE  
RICHARD HUGHES )  
 )

**O R D E R**

Magistrate Judge Susan K. Lee filed a report and recommendation recommending the Court: (1) grant Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea to Counts One and Sixty-five of the one hundred and twenty-three-count Indictment; (2) accept Defendant's plea of guilty to the lesser included offense of the charge in Count One, that is of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute fifty (50) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(B) and Count Sixty-five, that is of possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A); (3) adjudicate Defendant guilty of the lesser included offense of the charge in Count One, that is of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute fifty (50) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(B) and Count Sixty-five, that is of possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A); (4) defer a decision on whether to accept the plea agreement until sentencing; and (5) find Defendant shall remain in custody until sentencing in this matter (Court File No. 221). Neither party filed a timely objection to the report and recommendation. After reviewing the record, the Court agrees with the magistrate judge's report and recommendation. Accordingly, the Court **ACCEPTS** and **ADOPTS** the magistrate judge's

report and recommendation (Court File No. 221) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and **ORDERS** as follows:

- (1) Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea to Counts One and Sixty-five of the Indictment is **GRANTED**;
- (2) Defendant's plea of guilty to the lesser included offense of the charge in Count One, that is of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute fifty (50) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(B) and Count Sixty-five, that is of possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A) is **ACCEPTED**;
- (3) Defendant is hereby **ADJUDGED** guilty of the lesser included offense of the charge in Count One, that is of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute fifty (50) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(B) and Count Sixty-five, that is of possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A);
- (4) A decision on whether to accept the plea agreement is **DEFERRED** until sentencing; and
- (5) Defendant **SHALL REMAIN** in custody until sentencing in this matter which is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** before the Honorable Curtis L. Collier.

**SO ORDERED.**

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**CURTIS L. COLLIER**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**